

## THERE WAS A MRS. STEGER

Tenor Had a Wife for  
Fourteen Years, but  
She's Free.

The news that Julius Steger has been a married man for at least fourteen years will come as a distinct blow to many impressionable young women who have heard him sing and have seen him smile.

Mr. Steger has been generally regarded as a devotee of light opera as a single person, but this impression has been proven erroneous, for during the entire period of his operatic career there existed a Mrs. Julius Steger, who has recently and legally resumed the name of Dabette Siebert.

According to the story which has gained general credence on Broadway, Mr. Steger, who is now tall, dark and robust, fell madly in love with a girl when he was a mere slip of a lad, only seventeen years removed from the church register which recorded his birth. Her name was Dabette Siebert, and he made her his wife, giving his own age to the confiding clergyman as twenty-three.

For something over a week they lived happily, but Mr. Steger developed a beautiful tenor voice, and yearned for operatic triumphs. His child-wife wanted him to join a friend of her brother in the suspender business, but he heeded her not and became a member of a company which sang fourteen times a week such operas as "Fra Diavolo," "The Bohemian Girl," "Olivette," and "Billie Taylor."

Thus they drifted apart, he going where his art led him; she going back to mother.

By degrees he rose to prominence. An old portrait of him was placed in the lobby of the Casino, and he was reported as about to become the husband of Marie Tempest.

The fact that Miss Tempest possessed a sturdy husband in England never once entered into the popular imagination, while the existence of a Mrs. Steger was unsuspected by all save the parties directly concerned.

But Mrs. Steger was made angry by the stories of Miss Tempest, and she immediately had proceedings looking to a legal return of her maiden name of Dabette Siebert.

## GRACE LESTER, WHO LOVED A BURGLAR.

Her Actions Just Before Harmer's Suicide Discovered by The Evening World.



Sheriff Molloy, of Westchester County, has received information that "John Harmer," the "barefoot" burglar, who committed suicide in his cell at White Plains, may have been Frank Staritz, the black-sheep son of the wealthy Boston family of that name.

Where is Grace Lester, the attractive, fair-haired young woman who is suspected of having conveyed poison to Harmer in an orange?

She lived at 14 West Thirty-fourth street until about two weeks ago, when she left the place. She gave no hint of where she was going.

About the time of her last visit to the White Plains Jail she was visited by a

fashionably dressed old man. He had a carefully trimmed gray mustache and was active in his movements for a man of his years and bristly of speech. He was of the type familiar to Wall Street, or he might have been a retired business man.

He and Miss Lester drove away. They returned late that night. The day following she seemed more preoccupied than usual and it was noticed that she ate very little. She announced in the evening that she was going away. In a short time an expressman called for her trunk. She then departed without giving any indication of where she was going.

## DEAD MAN'S BODY RIFLED.

Mystery in the Fate of  
Pennsy's Bank Chief  
Thomas J. Powers.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.—Mystery surrounds the death of State Bank Commissioner Thomas J. Powers, whose mangled body was found in the suburbs of this city today.

It was presumed that Mr. Powers had run from the platform of the express from Atlantic City during the night, but an examination revealed the fact that all his jewelry and money, together with a wallet of valuable papers and a number of railroad passes, had vanished.

His body also was found a long way from the body. The police think the rifling was done after death.

Powers' body mangled body was found under the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge spanning the Delaware River at the northern end of this city this morning by three men gunning in the marshes.

Mr. Powers had been spending the summer at Atlantic City with his family, and it is presumed that he fell from the train from that resort which reaches this city via the bridge route at 10:30 P. M.

Mr. Powers' home was in Frankford, a Philadelphia suburb, which is the first station this side of the Delaware River. He left his seat in the car while the train was crossing the bridge, so as to be in readiness to leave the train when it reached Frankford, which is only a short distance beyond the Philadelphia terminus of the structure.

Mr. Powers was a man of heroic build, measuring considerably over six feet in height and weighing about 275 pounds. His friends believe that he had gone to the platform to escape the heat in the car which was piled up while the train was on a curve.

He had been prominent in Republican national and state politics the last twenty-five years and filled various offices under the State and National Governments during that time.

## FAINTED ON THE STAGE.

Comedian Edwards Fell  
as Part Required, but  
Was Insensible.

Charles Edwards, a young comedian, is ill at his home, 46 West Twenty-fifth street, today, the result of over-exertion at a theatrical performance given last night on the Captain's Pier, Sixth Beach.

The Seymour Club, an organization of this city, gave an entertainment at the pier, and Edwards was billed in a one-act play, depicting the departure of a young soldier for the front, his death on the battlefield and the receipt of the news of his demise by his father.

Edwards played a dual role, the son and father. As the father he is supposed to faint and fall on the stage on hearing of his son's death. The actor showed much enthusiasm in his work and when he dropped to the stage fell rather heavily.

He lay motionless longer than the business of the part required, and the action of the play having stopped, one of the actors in the cast stepped over to where he lay, and found that he was insensible.

The curtain was rung down and quite a stir created among the audience, when a call for a doctor was made from the stage. Two physicians responded, and announced that Edwards was suffering from heart failure.

The actor was soon revived, but, being weak, spent the night at a hotel and was brought home today. He said that he wore heavy clothes on the stage and the weather being oppressive, the vigor with which he handled his part brought on a partial collapse.

## LEDERER DEFEATS SIRS.

Summary Proceedings to Oust Him  
from the Casino Dismissed  
by Judge Haswell.

George W. Lederer has gained another victory over the Sirs Brothers in the fight for the possession of the Casino Theatre. In the City Court Justice Haswell has handed down a decision in which the summary proceedings brought by the Sirs to oust Lederer are dismissed.

Lederer's counsel argued that the petition did not show that the relation of landlord and tenant existed between the Sirs and Lederer; that it did not show that the Sirs were the owners.

Judge Haswell says: "It may be regretted that allegations of the terms 'use and occupation,' and also 'rent due,' seem to make confusion as to the rights of the parties and what are necessary preliminary steps to be taken by the petitioner."

## TOOK TOO MUCH MORPHINE.

Would-Be Suicide Owe His Life to  
the Fact that He Was Too  
Engaged to Die.

Joseph Homelander, a cook, who lives at 242 East Twenty-seventh street, owes his life to the fact that when he attempted to commit suicide he took enough morphine to kill two ordinary men. The drug produced a nausea more effective than any medical appliance, and he is now a prisoner in Bellevue Hospital.

He recently lost his position as a cook, and he was going to kill himself. He managed to get to the hospital, and he was taken to the hospital. He was taken to the hospital. He was taken to the hospital.

Stridinger Will Recover.

The condition of H. J. Stridinger, who was shot at the Vendome Hotel a few days ago, is much improved at the New York Hospital to-day. The physicians say that no operation is to be performed until it is thought that he will easily recover.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1900.

## For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

the store made elaborate preparations. Not that the event would need any particular reviving, for even during the dog days of August, Friday and its bargains never failed to fill the store, but because the last day of August marks the beginning of the Fall season, and we are eager to enter the field with the many attractions and trade surprises we worked out during the hot term.

It may be a superstition, but it's a good one to look to in business, that much depends upon a proper beginning. And so we'll begin right by offering for to-morrow, a list of special values that will simply delight you, if you come.

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Boys' Clothing.

Choice of all our Boys' finest WASHABLE SUITS of imported woven non-fading goods, as well as White Pique and Duck Suits, sizes 3 to 7 years only, regularly sold for \$1.25 to \$2.50. Friday at \$1.00. Boys' Early Fall SAILOR HOUSE SUITS, made of up-graded grade blue woolen flannel, richly appointed with cord and embroidery, in red, black or white, sizes 3 to 12 years; special for Friday at 1.95

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Men's Clothing.

254 MEN'S BUSINESS SUITS, all small lots, left over lines and odd suits of strictly all-wool cassimeres and tweeds that we used to sell for \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00; if you can find "a suit to suit," yours to-morrow for 3.95

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Skirts and Wrappers

One lot of WOMEN'S WRAPPERS in light and dark patterns—deep flounce skirt—waist trimmed with two rows of fancy braid, Friday at 58c

#### FALL SKIRTS—Our new Fall styles

are ready, hundreds of pretty effects at prices no one will object to. For Friday we offer special:

BLACK SATEN SKIRTS of excellent quality, trimmed with ruffle or plaiting and finished with coating, at 79c

WOMEN'S SKIRTS of finest quality mercerized saten, in fancy colors, very slightly damaged in the process of dyeing, would otherwise cost you \$2.50, for Friday at 98c

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Wall Paper.

PAPER, HALL AND DINING ROOM PAPERS, in rich reds, greens, blues and yellows, regularly sold at 30c and 35c, special at 20,000 Rolls of choice WALL PAPERS, regularly sold at 6c and 8c; special at 3c

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Hosiery.

50 cases of MEN'S, WOMEN'S and CHILDREN'S BLACK and FANCY HOSIERY—worth 15c to 20c, a pair—yours to-morrow for 10c

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in School Aprons.

Children's good quality LAWN SCHOOL APRONS, Mother Hubbard style, with ruffle of same material, tucked, sizes 2 to 14 years, regularly \$5c, special at 3c

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#### We Offer in White Goods.

100 pieces CHECK RAINCOATS, regular price 10c, Friday special at 6 1/2c

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Cigars.

CLEAR HAVANA LONDRES GRANDE, finest quality Cuban hand made, equal to imported, actual value \$9.50, to-morrow, box of 100, special at 6.00

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Bedding.

PILLOW CASES, regular 12 1/2c, quality, at each, 13 1/2c

SHEETS, full size, each, 44c

BLANKETS—16-4 size wool blankets, regular price \$2.25 per pair, Friday at 1.95

COMFORTERS—500 full size comforters, to-morrow only instead of \$2.25, at each, 1.75

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Upholstering.

TAPESTRY SOFA PILLOWS, 24 inch, handsomely covered, well filled; \$1.75 value at each, 89c

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in The Drug Store.

ANTISEPTIC, equal to Listerine, 29c

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Toilet Goods.

VIOLET AMMONIA, reg. 15c, 9c

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

We beg to announce that beginning with Saturday, September 1st, The Big Store will again be open for business

#### All Day on Saturdays.

### For the first Bargain Friday of the Fall Season

#### We Offer in Groceries.

BISCUITS: Uneeda Biscuits, per pkg., 3 1/2c

FISH: Fancy Halibut or Salmon steaks, per lb., 10c

Long Island Sea Bass or Weak Fish, per lb., 5c

MEAT: Fancy Canada Lamb, forequarter, per lb., 10c

Choice Pennsylvania Pork, per lb., 10c

PEARLINE: Pyle's, per pkg., 3c

COFFEE: Fancy Golden Santos, roasted hourly, per lb., 17c

TOMATOES: Southern Redripe Tomatoes or State Sugar Corn, per can, 7c

STRING BEANS: Sweet and Tender, 2-lb. can, 6c

STRAWBERRIES: Boy's Extra Preserved Strawberries, per can, 10c

APRICOTS: Sliced Apricots for Cream, per can, 10c

SARDINES: Palmito Imported Sardines, 1-4 lb. can, 11c

LOISER: Loggins, "Glad Crown" Lobster, flat case, per tin, 17c

BREAKFAST FOOD: 1-lb. package, 1-2 price, 5c

PRUNES: Choice Santa Clara Prunes, per lb., 6 1/2c

MUSTARD: Genuine English Mustard, per can, 8c

RICE: Choice Carolina Rice, per lb., 5c

ANGLOUS DEVILLED OR POTTED HAM OR TONGUE, per can, 4c

EVAPORATED PEACHES OR APRICOTS: per lb., 11c

HENNESSY IMPORTED BRANDY, per bottle, 1.10

KODAK WHISKY, per bottle, 59c

CALIFORNIA CLARET, per gal., 60c

MT. VERNON RYE WHISKY, per gal., 2.50

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